

**SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY DIVISION[27]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rule making related to meetings  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Soil Conservation and Water Quality Division hereby proposes to amend Chapter 2, “Operation of State Soil Conservation and Water Quality Committee,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 161A.4.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 161A.4.

*Purpose and Summary*

This proposed rule making would change the frequency of meetings by the State Soil Conservation and Water Quality Committee from monthly to quarterly. The Committee voted to advance this rule making at its meeting on October 6, 2022.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Division for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 27—Chapter 8.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written or oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Division no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2023. Comments should be directed to:

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Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Wallace State Office Building  
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Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
Phone: 515.518.7609  
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*Public Hearing*

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental

subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Amend rule 27—2.2(161A) as follows:

**27—2.2(161A) Time of meetings.** The committee meets ~~monthly, generally the first Thursday of each month~~ quarterly. The chairperson or a majority of the committee may establish meetings at more frequent intervals.